

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of mixing a fluid material comprised within an F-style container,
5 said method comprising the steps of:
 - (a.) providing a mixing apparatus comprising:
 - a table;
 - a clamp assembly movably disposed above the table;
 - an electric motor connected to the table for vibrating the table;
 - (b.) providing an F-style container with the fluid material disposed therein;
 - (c.) providing a bucket with an interior sized to receive the F-style container
therein;
 - (d.) providing a base insert with a bottom recess formed therein, said base insert
being sized to be snugly received in the bucket and said bottom recess being sized to
15 snugly receive a bottom portion of the F-style container therein;
 - (e.) providing a top insert with a top recess formed therein, said top insert being
sized to be snugly received in the bucket and said top recess being sized to snugly receive
a top portion of the F-style container therein;
 - (f.) inserting the base insert in the bucket;
 - 20 (g.) inserting the bottom portion of the F-style container in the bottom recess of
the base insert;
 - (h.) inserting the F-style container in the bucket;
 - (i.) inserting the top portion of the F-style container in the top recess of the top
insert;
 - 25 (j.) inserting the top insert in the bucket;
 - (k.) placing the bucket with the base insert, the top insert and the F-style container
disposed therein onto the table of the mixing apparatus;
 - (l.) moving the clamp assembly to clamp the bucket to the table; and
 - (m.) energizing the electric motor to vibrate the table, thereby mixing the fluid
30 material.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the fluid material is a tinting concentrate.
 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the base inert is inserted into the bucket before the bottom portion of the F-style container is disposed in the bottom recess of the base insert, and wherein the F-style container is inserted into the bucket when the bottom portion of the F-style container is disposed in the bottom recess of the base insert.
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 4. The method of claim 3 wherein top insert is inserted into the bucket when the top portion of the F-style container is inserted into the top recess of the top insert.
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5. The method of claim 1 wherein the base insert and the top insert are composed of plastic foam.
 6. The method of claim 1 wherein the container when snugly received into the base insert and top insert is tilted at an angle relative to the interior of the bucket.
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 7. The method of claim 6 wherein the angle is between about 3° and about 15°.

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